

YEAS—21.

Bell,	Harrison,	Knittel,
Calhoun,	Houston of Bexar,	Peacock,
Fowler,	Houston of Wheeler,	Pfeuffer,
Garrison,	Jerdone,	Randolph,
Getzendaner,	Jones,	Terrell,
Glasscock,	Kilgore,	Traylor,
Hall,	Kleberg,	Woods.

NAYS—1.

Davis.

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Camp,	Johnson,	Shannon,
Evans,	Pope,	Stinson.
Farrar,		

The bill was read the second time and passed to third reading.

On motion of Senator Jerdone,

The constitutional rule was suspended and

The bill placed on its final passage by the following vote:

YEAS—24.

Bell,	Harrison,	Peacock,
Davis,	Houston of Bexar,	Pfeuffer,
Evans,	Houston of Wheeler,	Pope,
Fowler,	Jerdone,	Randolph,
Garrison,	Jones,	Shannon,
Getzendaner,	Kilgore,	Terrell,
Glasscock,	Kleberg,	Traylor,
Hall,	Knittel,	Woods.

NAYS—none.

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Calhoun,	Farrar,	Stinson.
Camp,	Johnson,	

The bill was read third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—24.

Bell,	Harrison,	Peacock,
Davis,	Houston of Bexar,	Pfeuffer,
Evans,	Houston of Wheeler,	Pope,
Fowler,	Jerdone,	Randolph,
Garrison,	Jones,	Shannon,
Getzendaner,	Kilgore,	Terrell,
Glasscock,	Kleberg,	Traylor,
Hall,	Knittel,	Woods.

NAYS—none.

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Calhoun,	Farrar,	Stinson.
Camp,	Johnson,	

Senator Bell sent up the following privileged report.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, February 24, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 77, being "An act to further regulate the collection of taxes on real estate, including lands heretofore bought by the State at delinquent tax sales," and find the same correctly engrossed.

BELL, Chairman.

By leave, Senator Houston of Bexar introduced a bill to be entitled "An act to authorize the county commissioners' courts to set aside from year to year not exceeding one-half of the road and bridge tax to establish free bridges across streams having an average width of sixty feet."

Referred to Committee on Roads and Bridges.

By leave, the following reports were sent up and read:

By Senator Houston of Bexar:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, February 24, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 236, entitled "An act amendatory of an act relating to the commission of arbitration and award, defining the powers and duties thereof, and to make appropriations to pay the salaries of the judges thereof, approved March 20, 1883, and which was amendatory of an act relating to the same subject, approved February 9, 1881," have carefully examined the same, and a majority of the committee instruct me to report same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HOUSTON of Bexar, Chairman.

By Senator Peacock:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, February 24, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred bill No. 244, entitled "An act to be entitled an act to create the Hardeman land district," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

PEACOCK, Chairman.

The following message was received from the House:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
AUSTIN, February 24, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

I am instructed to report to your body the passage of the following bills:

House bill No. 236, "An act to authorize and require the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue a certificate for 1280 acres of land to J. B. Robertson, for military services."

Substitute House bill No. 237, "An act to alter the corporate limits of the city of Waco."

House bill No. 250, "An act to amend section 34 of an act entitled 'an act to redistrict the State into judicial district and fix the time for holding court therein, and to provide for the election of judges and district attorneys in said districts at the next general election, to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1884,' approved April 9, 1883."

And to report the indefinite postponement by the House of Senate bill No. 50.

A. D. SADLER, Chief Clerk.

The President referred House bill No. 236 to Committee on General Land Office.

Substitute House bill No. 237 to Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

House bill No. 250 to Committee on Judicial Districts.

The President gave notice of signing Senate bill No. 136, "An act for the relief of W. J. Salyer and to validate donation warrant No. 509 and the survey made by virtue thereof, issued by G. W. Hockley, Secretary of War, on August 14, 1838, for 640 acres of land, to John Short, the said Salyer being now the owner of said certificate."

On motion of Senator Glasscock

The Senate adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
AUSTIN, TEXAS, February 25, 1885. }

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Gibbs in the chair.

Roll called.

Quorum present.

Prayer by Rev. R. C. Buckner of Dallas.
On motion of Senator Calhoun.

The reading of the journal of yesterday, was dispensed with.

On motion of Senator Shannon.

Senator Traylor was excused till Monday.

On motion of Senator Pope.

Senators Camp, Johnson and Stinson were excused indefinitely, from yesterday.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Senator Glasscock:

Memorial from citizens of Presido county, favoring the formation of Brewster county.

Referred to Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By Senator Shannon:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, February 24, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 221, entitled "An act to amend article 4257 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back with the recommendation that it be considered in committee of the whole, and that 150 copies be printed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SHANNON, Chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, February 24, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 18, entitled "An act to amend and carry into effect article 4238 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back with the recommendation that it do not pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SHANNON, Chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, February 24, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 209, entitled "An act to preserve the charters of railway companies that by reason of the financial condition of the country have not constructed the number of miles of road annually required by law, and to prevent the forfeiture thereof," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SHANNON, Chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, February 24, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred House bill No. 428, entitled "An act to amend article 4786 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SHANNON, Chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, February 24, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred House bill No. 144, entitled "An act to amend article

4227, title 84, chapter 10, of the Revised Civil Statutes of State of Texas," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back with the recommendation that it do not pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SHANNON, Chairman.

Bill read first-time.

Senator Randolph presented the following minority report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, February 24, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

A minority of your Committee on Internal Improvement to whom was referred House bill No. 144, entitled "An act to amend article 4227, title 84, chapter 10 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas," beg leave to differ from the majority report, and offer the following reasons why said bill should pass: First, that it would diminish the number of wilful and negligent detentions of freight by railroads, thereby decreasing litigation between citizens and said railroads, causing said railroads to make greater preparations to relieve intermediate stations along their respective lines by furnishing ample conveyance to carry off cotton and other freights.

All of which is respectfully submitted, and ask that the minority be adopted in lieu of the majority report.

RANDOLPH, for the Minority.

By Senator Harrison:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, February 25, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Counties and County Boundaries, to whom was referred House bill No. 335, entitled "An act to create and provide for the organization of the county of Midland," have carefully considered the same, and a majority of your committee instruct me to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HARRISON, Chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, February 25, 1885

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Counties and County Boundaries, to whom was referred substitute House bill No. 237, entitled "An act to alter the corporate limits of the city of Waco," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me report it back with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HARRISON, Chairman.

Bill read first time.

By Senator Terrell:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, February 24, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred "House concurrent resolution requesting the Senators and Representatives of Texas in Congress to secure a survey and report by government engineers of the condition of the channel through West Galveston bay and San Luis bay, have carefully examined the same, and instruct me to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

TERRELL, Chairman.

Resolution read first time.

By Senator Getzendaner:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, February 25, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 171, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Dillard," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report the same back with the recommendation that it do not pass.

This belongs to a class of school claims which the Legislature has on several occasions enacted laws to enable the counties to audit and pay.

In the opinion of your committee this claim, presuming it to be just, cannot be a liability of the State.
All of which is respectfully submitted.

GETZENDANER, Chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM.

AUSTIN, February 25, 1885.

Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 201, entitled "An act to authorize the commissioners' court of Travis county to call a special election said county to determine whether or not the said county will buy or build a bridge to be a free bridge across the Colorado river at the city of Austin," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back with the recommendation that it do not pass.
All of which is respectfully submitted.

GETZENDANER, acting Chairman.

Bill read first time.

The President gave notice of signing House bill No. 473, "An act to amend sections 3, 4, 5, 106, 117, 156 and 158 of 'an act to incorporate the city of Galveston and to grant a new charter,' approved August 2, 1876, amended by an act approved April 5, 1881, amended by an act approved March 7, 1883."

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Hall:

"An act to muster into the service of the State minute men for the protection of the frontier and the suppression of lawlessness and crime."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
AUSTIN, February 25, 1885.

Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

I am instructed to report to your honorable body the passage of substitute House bill No. 338, "An act to re-enact section 28 of an act entitled 'an act to redistrict the State into judicial districts, and fix the times for holding court therein, to provide for the election of judges and district attorneys said districts at the next general election, to be held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1884, approved April 9, 1883,' and to amend said section 28 of said act."

A. D. SADLER, Chief Clerk.

The President referred House bill No. 338 to Committee on Judicial Districts.

Senator Calhoun moved to suspend the regular special orders and take up Senate bill No. 235, an act authorizing the several county commissioners' courts of the State of Texas, to provide for more than four terms of the county court annually for the transaction of civil and criminal business, and fix the times at which all the terms of said county courts may be held."

Senator Randolph moved a call of the Senate.
Call sustained.

Senators Houston of Wheeler and Pope were absent without excuse.

A motion of Senator Davis, that the call of the Senate was suspended.

Senator Davis moved to amend the motion of Senator Calhoun by making the bill the special order for tomorrow, after morning call.

Senator Calhoun withdrew his motion, which dissolved both motions.

Senate bill No. 142, "An act to amend sections 2, 9, 23, 29, 30, 33, 36, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 51, 53, 54, 56, 57, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 68, 73, 75, 79, 79d, 83, 84, 85 and 87 of an act entitled 'an

act to establish and maintain a system of public free schools for the State of Texas,' and to repeal so much of chapter 3, title 78 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas as refer to public free schools outside of incorporated cities and towns assuming or having assumed control of their public free schools, and all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act,' the same being chapter 25 general laws of the special session of the Eighteenth Legislature, 1844; and to add thereto as new sections, sections 12a, 12b, 12c, 12d, 12e, and sections 58a, 58b and 58c, and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act and the original act of which it is amendatory," was laid before the Senate as the first special order.

On motion of Senator Davis,

The bill was postponed and made the special order for to-morrow after the morning call and after other special orders.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
AUSTIN, February 25, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

I am instructed to report to your honorable body that the House has rejected the report of the conference committee on substitute House bills Nos. 13, 61, 64, 104 and 161, and asks for a committee of free conference on same, and appoint as such committee on the part of the House, Messrs. Foster of Grayson, Hamilton and Rountree.

A. D. SADLER, Chief Clerk.

On motion of Senator Terrell,

The request was granted, and

The President appointed on said committee Senators Terrell, Randolph and Fowler.

Senate bill No. 100, "An act to repeal an act entitled 'an act to provide annual pensions for the surviving soldiers or volunteers of the Texas Revolution and the surviving signers of the Declaration of Independence of Texas, and the surviving widows of such soldiers, volunteers and signers,' approved March 28, 1883," was laid before the Senate as the special order, and

Read second time with special committee (minority) substitute report.

Senator Fowler moved to substitute the minority for the majority report.

Senator Davis moved the previous question on the motion to substitute and the engrossment of the bill.

Previous question seconded, and

Main question ordered.

The motion to substitute the minority for the majority report was lost by the following vote:

YEAS—6.

Calhoun,	Glasscock,	Pope,
Fowler,	Houston of Bexar,	Randolph.

NAYS—16.

Bell,	Jerdone,	Peacock,
Davis,	Jones,	Pfeuffer,
Evans,	Kilgore,	Shannon,
Garrison,	Kleberg,	Terrell,
Getzendaner,	Knittel,	Woods.
Hall,		

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Farrar,	Harrison,	Houston of Wheeler.
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The bill was ordered engrossed by the following vote:

YEAS—16.

Bell,
Davis,
Garrison,
Getzendaner,
Hall,
Harrison,

Jerdone,
Jones,
Kilgore,
Kleberg,
Knittel,

Peacock,
Pfeuffer,
Shannon,
Terrell,
Woods.

NAYS—8.

Calhoun,
Evans,
Fowler,

Glasscock,
Houston of Bexar,
Houston of Wheeler,

Pope,
Randolph.

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Farrar.

Senator Peacock moved to reconsider the vote engrossing the bill, and moved to lay that motion on the table.

Senator Houston of Bexar moved a call of the Senate.

Call sustained.

Senators Farrar and Randolph were found absent without excuse.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was dispatched to bring in the absent Senators.

Senators Farrar and Randolph were announced, and

The Senate was declared full.

The motion of Senator Peacock to lay the motion to reconsider on the table was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—17.

Bell,
Davis,
Farrar,
Garrison,
Getzendaner,
Hall,

Harrison,
Jerdone,
Jones,
Kilgore,
Kleberg,
Knittel,

Peacock,
Pfeuffer,
Shannon,
Terrell,
Woods.

NAYS—7.

Calhoun,
Evans,
Fowler,

Glasscock,
Houston of Bexar,

Pope,
Randolph,

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Houston of Wheeler.

Senator Pope raised the point of order that Senator Houston of Wheeler was now out of the Senate Chamber and not voting, and under the call of the Senate the motion could not be decided.

The point of order was not sustained, as the Senator was present and answered to his name under the call of the Senate.

On motion of Senator Davis,

Senate bill No. 217, "An act to repeal 'an act granting a land certificate of 1280 acres to the surviving soldiers of the Texas Revolution, etc., to repeal an act approved April 26, 1879,' etc., was taken up out of its regular order, and

Read second time and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Davis,

The constitutional rule was suspended, and

The bill placed on its third reading by the following vote:

YEAS—21.

Bell,
Calhoun,
Davis,
Evans,
Farrar,
Fowler,
Garrison,

Getzendaner,
Hall,
Harrison,
Houston of Bexar,
Jerdone,
Jones,
Kilgore,

Kleberg,
Knittel,
Peacock,
Pfeuffer,
Shannon,
Terrell,
Woods.

NAYS—4.

Glasscock,
Houston of Wheeler,

Pope,

Randolph.

The bill was read the third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—20.

Bell,
Calhoun,
Davis,
Evans,
Farrar,
Fowler,
Garrison,

Getzendaner,
Hall,
Harrison,
Jerdone,
Jones,
Kilgore,
Kleburg,

Knittel,
Peacock,
Pfeuffer,
Shannon,
Terrell,
Woods.

NAYS—5.

Glasscock,
Houston of Bexar,

Houston of Wheeler,
Pope,

By leave, Senator Fowler sent up the following reports:

COMMITTEE ROOM.
AUSTIN, February 25, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred substitute House bill No. 338, entitled "An act to re-enact section 28 of an act entitled 'an act to redistrict the State into judicial districts and fix the times for holding court therein, and to provide for the election of judges and district attorneys in said districts at the next general election, to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1884,' approved April 9, 1883, and to amend said section 28 of said act," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FOWLER, Chairman.

Bill was read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM.
AUSTIN, February 25, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred House bill No. 250, entitled "An act to amend section 34 of an act entitled 'an act to redistrict the State into judicial districts, and fix the times for holding court therein, and to provide for the election of judges and district attorneys in said districts at the next general election, to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1884,' approved April 9, 1883," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FOWLER, Chairman.

Bill was read first time.

Senator Fowler sent up the following privileged report:

COMMITTEE ROOM.
AUSTIN, February 25, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 136, being "An act for the relief W. J. Salyer, and to validate donation warrant No. 509 and the survey made by virtue thereof, issued by G. W. Hockley, Secretary of War, on fourteenth August, 1838, for 649 acres of land, to John Sharp," and find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 11:10 o'clock a. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FOWLER, Chairman.

On motion of Senator Davis,

Senate bill No. 187, "An act confirming patents and surveys by virtue of headright, military and bounty warrants issued under special laws enacted after March 31, 1870, and prior to April 18, 1876," was taken up out of its regular order and read second time and ordered engrossed.

Senator Davis moved to suspend the constitutional rule and place the bill on its third reading.

The Senate refused to suspend the constitutional rule by the following vote:

YEAS—19.

Bell,	Hall,	Peacock,
Calhoun,	Jerdone,	Pfeuffer,
Davis,	Jones,	Pope,
Evans,	Kilgore,	Randolph,
Fowler,	Kleberg,	Shannon,
Garrison,	Knittel,	Terrell.
Getzendaner,		

NAYS—5.

Farrar,	Harrison,	Woods.
Glasscock,	Houston of Wheeler,	

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Houston of Bexar.

Senator Harrison entered a motion to reconsider the vote just taken.

Senator Calhoun renewed his motion to take up Senate bill No. 235, "An act allowing the county commissioners," etc.

Adopted.

Bill taken up out of its regular order and read second time.

Senator Harrison offered the following substitute for the bill:

A bill to be entitled "An act to fix the terms of the county courts of the State of Texas."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas, That there shall be begun and holden at the county seat of each county a term of the county court thereof for civil, criminal and probate business, on the first Mondays in January, March, May, July, September and November in each year, which shall continue in session until the business thereof is disposed of. And until otherwise changed by the Legislature the terms shall remain as herein provided.

Lost, and

The bill was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Calhoun,

The constitutional rule was suspended and the bill placed on its third reading by the following vote:

YEAS—22.

Bell,	Hall,	Peacock,
Calhoun,	Houston of Bexar,	Pfeuffer,
Evans,	Jerdone,	Pope,
Farrar,	Jones,	Randolph,
Fowler,	Kilgore,	Shannon,
Garrison,	Kleberg,	Terrell,
Getzendaner,	Knittel,	Woods.
Glasscock,		

NAYS—1.

Harrison.

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Davis, Houston of Wheeler.

The bill was read third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—22.

Bell,	Hall,	Peacock,
Calhoun,	Houston of Bexar,	Pfeuffer,
Davis,	Jerdone,	Pope,
Evans,	Jones,	Randolph,
Fowler,	Kilgore,	Shannon,
Garrison,	Kleberg,	Terrell,
Getzendaner,	Knittel,	Woods.
Glasscock,		

NAYS—1.

Harrison.

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Farrar, Houston of Wheeler.

On motion of Senator Hall, substitute House bill No. 338, "An act to re-enact section 28 of 'an act to redistrict the State into judicial districts,'" was taken up out of its regular order and,

On motion of Senator Hall,

The constitutional rule was suspended and the bill was placed on its second reading by the following vote:

YEAS—22.

Bell,	Hall,	Peacock,
Calhoun,	Harrison,	Pfeuffer,
Davis,	Houston of Bexar,	Pope,
Evans,	Jerdone,	Randolph,
Fowler,	Kilgore,	Shannon,
Garrison,	Kleberg,	Terrell,
Getzendaner,	Knittel,	Woods.
Glasscock,		

NAYS—none.

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Farrar, Houston of Wheeler, Jones.

The bill was read second time, and passed to third reading.

On motion of Senator Hall,

The constitutional rule was suspended and the bill placed on its final passage by the following vote:

YEAS—21.

Bell,	Getzendaner,	Knittel,
Calhoun,	Hall,	Peacock,
Davis,	Harrison,	Pfeuffer,
Evans,	Houston of Bexar,	Pope,
Farrar,	Jerdone,	Randolph,
Fowler,	Kilgore,	Terrell,
Garrison,	Kleberg,	Woods.

NAYS—none.

The bill was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—23.

Bell,	Glasscock,	Peacock,
Calhoun,	Hall,	Pfeuffer,
Davis,	Harrison,	Pope,
Evans,	Houston of Bexar,	Randolph,
Farrar,	Jerdone,	Shannon,
Fowler,	Kilgore,	Terrell,
Garrison,	Kleberg,	Woods.
Getzendaner,	Knittel,	

NAYS—none.

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Houston of Wheeler, Jones.

The following communication was received from the Commissioner of Insurance, Statistics and History, and

On motion of Senator Kleberg,

Was, together with the accompanying statement, ordered printed in the journal, and the reading of it was dispensed with:

OFFICE OF THE
COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE, STATISTICS AND HISTORY,
AUSTIN, February 24, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

In compliance with the resolution of February 17, 1885, of the honorable Senate, I have the honor to transmit the following papers:

1. The name and domicile of all fire insurance companies having done business in the State of Texas since the first day of January, 1875.
2. The capital stock of each of said companies.
3. The amount of risks written since 1875 by each of said companies.
4. Amount of premiums received during said time.
5. The amount of losses paid during said time.
6. The excess of premiums received over losses paid out.
7. The names of fire insurance companies authorized to do business in the State of Texas.
8. The number of years each company has done business in the State.

The insurance laws give to existing companies until March 1, 1885, to make their annual statements, and therefore the office cannot declare what companies will fail to comply with requirements of the law.

The Western Assurance company, of Toronto, Canada is the only company which has withdrawn their papers, and intimated that they will cease to do business in the State.

The annual statements of fifty-one companies have up to this time been registered in this office.

Respectfully,

H. P. BEE, Commissioner.

Statement of Business, etc., of Insurance Companies in Texas since the Year 1875.

Companies.	Paid up Capital Stock or Assets.	Risks Written.	Premiums Received.	Losses Paid.	Excess of Premiums over Losses.	Excess of Losses over Premiums.	No. of Years the Co. has been in the State.
Aetna Ins. co., Hartford, Conn.	\$4,000,000 00	\$4,595,434 62	\$196,170 92	\$163,534 76	\$32,636 16		20
American Central Ins. co., St. Louis, Mo.	600,000 00	4,454,800 00	57,198 77	47,099 37	10,099 40		13
British-America Ass. co., Toronto, Can.	500,000 00	1,060,799 00	Incomplete.	22,052 08			5
Citizens' Ins. co., St. Louis, Mo.	200,000 00	310,950 00	5,417 00	6,835 00		\$1,418 00	5
Commercial Union Ass. co., London, Eng.	2,368,554 66	2,518,247 00	138,959 89	81,711 08	57,248 81		10
Connecticut Fire Ins. co., Hartford, Conn.	1,000,000 00	5,928,490 00	96,788 97	80,077 52	16,711 45		15
Continental Ins. co., New York, N. Y.	1,000,000 00	25,770,174 00	370,675 04	277,773 02	98,902 02		11
California Ins. co., San Francisco, Cal.	600,000 00	2,463,676 00	34,868 06	10,617 20	24,250 86		3
Commercial Ins. co., San Francisco, Cal.	200,000 00	2,044,227 33	45,577 63	20,157 00	25,420 63		2
City of London Fire Ins. co., London, Eng.	1,000,000 00	4,309,858 84	73,767 93	65,055 96	8,711 97		3
Crescent Ins. co., New Orleans, La.	600,000 00	11,748,842 20	244,974 17	156,304 68	88,669 49		5
East Texas Fire Ins. co., Tyler, Texas.	100,000 00	23,501,966 27	595,994 02	393,817 66	202,176 36		10
Factors' and Traders' Ins. co., N. O., La.	700,000 00	5,001,045 00	114,771 20	17,361 39	97,409 81		2
Fire Ass'n, Philadelphia, Pa.	500,000 00	24,140,123 02	337,936 04	252,641 40	85,294 67		9
Fire Ins. Ass'n, London, Eng.	967,581 45	11,494,338 13	172,296 15	116,793 27	55,502 88		5
Fireman's Fund Ins. co., San Francisco, Cal.	750,000 00	1,197,150 00	Incomplete.	Incomplete.			6
Franklin Fire Ins. co., Philadelphia, Pa.	400,000 00	1,620,158 00	26,961 74	13,466 63	13,495 11		3
Galveston Ins. co., Galveston, Texas.		Incomplete.	185,960 00	11,183 00	74,777 08		7
German-American Ins. co., N. Y., N. Y.	1,000,000 00	15,404,180 00	186,446 96	137,722 32	46,724 59		13
German Ins. co., Freeport, Ill.	200,000 00		60,883 90	47,776 86	12,107 04		3
Germania Fire Ins. co., New York, N. Y.	1,000,000 00	Incomplete.	201,171 64	194,340 00	6,831 64		20
Girard Fire and Marine Ins. co., Phila. Pa.	300,000 00	3,629,691 00	72,991 87	43,642 21	29,349 66		4
Glens Falls Ins. co., Glens Falls, N. Y.	200,000 00	1,314,809 00	24,807 17	18,780 76	6,026 41		2
Hamburg-Bremen Fire Ins. co., Germ'y	300,000 00	12,144,799 22	212,790 73	172,611 49	40,179 24		11
Hanover Fire Ins. co., New York, N. Y.	1,000,000 00	2,626,900 67	396,667 72	173,366 13	223,301 59		20
Hartford Fire Ins. co., Hartford, Conn.	1,250,000 00	41,441,123 00	429,439 85	375,366 40	54,073 45		15
Home Ins. & Banking co., Galveston, Tex.		Incomplete.					12
Home Ins. co., New York, N. Y.	3,000,000 00	Incomplete.	599,213 98	589,705 30	9,508 68		20
Houston Ins. co., Houston, Texas.	300,000 00	19,321,139 00	123,080 21	39,446 06	83,634 15		10
Howard Ins. co., New York, N. Y.	500,000 00	2,117,267 00	35,389 18	34,689 13	700 05		5
Imperial Fire Ins. co., London, Eng.	1,478,580 24	8,691,247 15	141,786 30	71,956 77	69,729 53		9
Ins. Co. of N. Am., Philadelphia, Pa.	3,000,000 00	8,016,129 00	338,326 84	270,871 62	67,455 22		10
La Confiance Ins. co., Paris, France.	115,066 01	5,807,612 33	95,276 00	57,039 86	38,236 14		3
Lamar Ins. co., New York, N. Y.	200,000 00	20,250 00	638 62	Incomplete.			
Lancashire Ins. co., Manchester, Eng.	1,488,322 36	20,215,407 98	302,025 92	234,107 47	67,918 45		10
Liverp'l, London & Globe Ins. co., Liv'p.	5,771,959 71	58,557,890 25	873,215 15	629,442 64	243,772 57		9
Lion Fire Ins. co., London, England.	712,501 40	3,873,085 33	53,737 04	30,412 63	13,324 41		5
London & Lancashire Fire Ins. co., Liv'p.	1,415,424 45	7,413,393 35	102,812 02	65,054 76	37,757 26		6
London & Provincial Fire Ins. co., Lond.	510,648 57	964,809 00	14,176 56	8,820 44	6,356 12		3
London Ins. Corporation, London, Eng.	1,406,279 18	Incomplete.	79,188 82	104,620 83		25,423 01	4
Manhattan Fire Ins. co., New York, N. Y.	250,000 00	1,751,147 00	17,324 90	12,531 71	4,793 19		2
Merchants' Ins. co., Galveston, Texas.	125,000 00	Incomplete.	50,556 00	41,135 00	9,421 00		9
Mechanics' Mut'l Ins. co., Milwaukee, Wis.		358,623 00	10,777 09	12,776 76		1,999 67	1
Merchants' Ins. co., Newark, N. J.	400,000 00	4,121,123 83	74,306 92	54,929 44	19,377 48		3
Metropole Ins. co., Paris, France.	543,880 31	917,519 00	12,854 72	8,940 33	4,014 39		4
National Fire Ins. co., Hartford, Conn.	1,000,000 00	7,427,773 00	102,231 72	64,062 41	38,169 31		13
National Fire Ins. co., New York, N. Y.	200,000 00	1,208,841 00	11,561 16	6,450 92	5,110 24		3
New Orleans Ins. Ass., New Orleans, La.	300,000 00	23,099,948 09	426,314 74	242,029 88	184,284 86		5
New Orleans Ins. co., New Orleans, La.	500,000 00	3,294,330 49	65,243 31	34,673 51	30,570 74		4
Niagara Fire Ins. co., New York, N. Y.	500,000 00	10,380,377 00	180,305 21	118,511 23	61,793 98		4
North'n Ass. co., London & Aberd'n, G. B.	1,294,526 57	4,883,276 84	69,336 04	31,731 91	37,604 13		4
N. Brit. & Mercantile Ins. co., Lon. & Ed'g.	3,301,747 61	Incomplete.	253,880 55	231,517 52	22,363 03		18
N. Ger. Fire Ins. co., Hamburg, Germ'y.	441,537 79	2,031,286 00	30,592 64	23,544 53	7,048 11		7
N. W. National Ins. co., Milwaukee, Wis.	600,000 00	4,667,252 00	50,870 34	37,763 38	13,106 96		6
Oakland Home Ins. co., Oakland Cal.	200,000 00	171,637 50	Incomplete.				2
Phoenix Ins. co., Brooklyn, N. Y.	1,000,000 00	26,810,015 00	344,957 26	250,786 53	94,170 73		16
Phoenix Ass. co., London, England.	1,503,476 00	4,661,955 34	64,124 18	36,852 21	27,271 97		4
Phoenix Ins. co., Hartford, Conn.	2,000,000 00	21,862,080 00	366,424 50	246,052 53	120,371 97		19
Queen Ins. co., Liverpool, England.	873,169 75	13,954,423 41	192,102 76	185,619 32	6,483 44		9
Royal Ins. co., Liverpool, England.	4,444,773 79	2,034,711 25	412,483 04	317,795 29	94,687 75		10
Scottish Un'n & Nat'l Ins. co., Edinburgh.	1,114,546 68	3,913,698 00	46,658 54	38,605 54	8,053 00		4
Springf'd F & Marine Ins. co., Sp'd Mass.	1,000,000 00	18,653,876 00	304,518 31	211,581 59	92,936 72		10
Standard Fire Office, London, England.	680,365 95	3,844,765 00	36,733 29	10,802 43	25,930 86		2
Star Fire Ins. co., of New York, N. Y.	500,000 00	Incomplete.					2
St. Paul Fire & M. Ins. co., St. Paul, Min.	500,000 00	2,170,360 00	180,076 29	173,643 23	6,433 06		4
Sun Fire Office, of London, England.	1,477,932 97	9,849,774 21	106,687 48	45,901 97	60,785 51		11
Sun Ins. co., of San Francisco, Cal.	300,000 00	1,268,504 00	19,109 29	4,944 45	14,164 84		3

Statement of Business, etc., of Insurance Companies in Texas—continued.

Companies.	Paid up Capital Stock or Assets.	Risks Written.	Premiums Received.	Losses Paid.	Excess of Premiums over Losses.	Excess of Losses over Premiums.	No of the Years Co. has been in the State.
Sun Mutual Ins. co., of New Orleans, La	\$497,382 80	\$2,245,640 41	\$145,095 26	\$96,993 29	\$48,101 97	.....	2
Texas Banking & Ins. co., of Galveston.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6
Traders' Ins. co., of Chicago, Ill.	500,000 00	8,239,071 76	139,063 33	98,385 50	40,677 83	.....	11
Transatlantic Fire Ins. co., Hamburg, G'y	486,458 37	1,521,170 00	21,096 56	7,048 52	14,048 04	.....	6
Union Fire & Marine Ins. co., Galv. Tex.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15
Watertown Ins. co., of Watertown, N.Y.	200,000 00	Incomplete.	34,408 86	15,261 78	19,147 08	.....	2
Western Ass. co., Toronto, Canada.	879,431 34	9,825,935 00	339,192 77	157,824 15	81,368 62	.....	8
West'n F. & Mar. Ins. co., S. Francisco, Cal	200,000 00	1,066,307 35	32,426 25	10,235 05	22,191 20	.....	3
West'n Texas Ins. co., San Antonio, Tex	76,000 00	876,893 00	14,559 94	10,901 82	3,658 12	.....	1
Wmsburg City F. Ins.co., Brooklyn, N.Y	250,000 00	2,103,785 00	35,254 40	14,224 28	21,030 12	.....	4
American Fire, Philadelphia.	400,000 00	528 763 00	Incomplete.	Incomplete	Incomplete	.....	3 m
Southern Insurance co.	249,900 00	1,045,305 00	21,390 61	4,594 87	16,795 74	.....	9 m
Hibernia, New Orleans.	400,000 00	1,035,158 00	20,979 22	1,219 76	19,754 46	.....	9 m
Citizens' Ins. co.	300,000 00	1,925,428 33	25,541 60	19,835 89	5,705 71	.....	1
Warwick Union, England.	1,124,819 76	Incomplete.	20,494 72	26,650 67	.....	6,155 95	.....
Pennsylvania Fire, Philadelphia.	400,000 00	380,212 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 m

RECAPITULATION.

Amount of premiums received.	\$10,851,536 99
Amount of losses paid.	\$8,016,018 49
Excess of premiums over losses.	\$2,835,518 50

LIST OF INSURANCE COMPANIES THAT HAVE FILED THEIR ANNUAL STATEMENTS.

Williamsburg City Fire Insurance company of Brooklyn, N.Y.
 Phoenix Insurance company of Hartford, Ct.
 American Central Insurance company of St. Louis, Mo.
 Merchants' Insurance company of Newark, N. J.
 Connecticut Fire Insurance company of Hartford, Ct.
 Aetna Fire Insurance company of Hartford, Ct.
 Scottish Union and National Fire Insurance company of Edinburgh, Scotland.
 Lion Fire Insurance company of London, England.
 Traders' Fire Insurance company, Chicago, Ill.
 American Fire Insurance company of Philadelphia, Pa.
 Hartford Fire Insurance company of Hartford, Ct.
 North British and Mercantile Fire Insurance company of London and Edinburgh.
 St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance company of St. Paul, Minn.
 National Fire Insurance company of Hartford, Ct.
 Phoenix Assurance Fire Insurance company of London, Eng.
 Southern Insurance company of New Orleans, La.
 Hamburg-Bremen Insurance company of Hamburg, Germany.
 Imperial Fire Insurance company of London, England.
 Girard Fire and Marine Insurance company of Philadelphia, Pa.
 Home Insurance company of New York, N. Y.
 Union Marine Insurance company of Liverpool, England.
 German American Insurance company of New York, N. Y.
 Springfield Fire and Marine Insurance company of Springfield, Mass.
 Thames and Mersey Marine Insurance company of England.
 Hibernia Insurance company of New Orleans, La.
 Sun Insurance company of San Francisco, Cal.
 East Texas Fire Insurance company of Tyler, Texas.
 Niagara Fire Insurance company of New York, N. Y.
 Germania Fire Insurance company of New York, N. Y.
 British and Foreign Marine Insurance company of Liverpool, England.

Sun Fire Office Insurance company of London, England.
 Western Assurance company of Toronto, Canada.
 Hanover Insurance company of New York, N. Y.
 Citizens Insurance company of New York, N. Y.
 Commercial Insurance company of San Francisco, California.
 Norwich Union Fire Insurance company of Norwich, Eng.
 British America Assurance company of Toronto, Canada.
 Fire Association Insurance company of Philadelphia, Pa.
 Northern Assurance company of Aberdeen and London, Great Britain.
 Trans-Atlantic Fire Insurance company of Hamburg, Germany.
 Factors' and Traders' Insurance company of New Orleans, La.
 City of London Fire Insurance company of London, Eng.
 Fireman's Fund Insurance company of San Francisco, Cal.
 London and Lancashire Insurance company of Liverpool, England.
 Royal Insurance company of Liverpool, England.
 Pennsylvania Fire Insurance company of Philadelphia, Pa.
 Commercial Union Assurance company of London, England.
 Phoenix Insurance company of Brooklyn, New York.
 New Orleans Insurance Association of New Orleans, La.
 Fire Insurance Association of London, England.
 Lancashire Insurance company of Manchester, England.
 Insurance Company of North America of Philadelphia, Pa.
 Liverpool, London and Globe Insurance company, London, England.
 California Insurance company, San Francisco, California.

The eighth, ninth and tenth sections cannot now be answered, as articles 2965 and 2966 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas do not require companies to file their annual statements on the first day of January, but on that day, or within sixty days thereafter.

H. P. BEE, Commissioner.

On motion of Senator Jerdone,

Senate bill No. 203, "An act to amend article 122 of the Penal Code of the State of Texas," was taken up out of its regular order and read third time.

Senator Harrison offered to amend by adding city attorneys and marshals.

Senator Kleberg offered to amend the amendment by adding hide and animal inspector of towns, cities or counties.

Lost.

Senator Kleberg offered to substitute the amendment by adding "and all other city, county and State officials."

Accepted, and adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—23.

Bell,	Glasscock,	Knittel,
Calhoun,	Hall,	Peacock,
Davis,	Harrison,	Pope,
Evans,	Houston of Bexar,	Randolph,
Farrar,	Houston of Wheeler,	Shannon,
Fowler,	Jerdone,	Terrell,
Garrison,	Kilgore,	Woods.
Getzendaner,	Kleberg,	

NAYS—none.

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Jones, Pfeuffer.

The bill was passed.

Senator Davis called up Senator Harrison's motion to reconsider the vote by which the Senate refused to suspend the constitutional rule on the final reading of Senate bill No. 187.

The motion to reconsider was adopted, and

The rules were suspended by the following vote:

YEAS—25.

Bell,	Hall,	Knittel,
Calhoun,	Harrison,	Peacock,
Davis,	Houston of Bexar,	Pfeuffer,
Evans,	Houston of Wheeler,	Pope,
Farrar,	Jerdone,	Randolph,
Fowler,	Jones,	Shannon,
Garrison,	Kilgore,	Terrell,
Getzendaner,	Kleberg,	Woods.
Glasscock,		

NAYS—none.

The bill was read third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—21.

Bell,	Getzendaner,	Kleberg,
Calhoun,	Glasscock,	Knittel,
Davis,	Hall,	Peacock,
Evans,	Houston of Bexar,	Pfeuffer,
Farrar,	Jerdone,	Randolph,
Fowler,	Jones,	Shannon,
Garrison,	Kilgore,	Terrell.

NAYS—2.

Harrison, Woods.

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Houston of Wheeler, Pope.

Senator Getzendaner moved to take up and dispose of Senate bills and House bills on third reading.

Adopted.

Senate bill No. 124, "An act to amend section 2 of an act entitled 'an act to provide for the payment of the expenses of attached witnesses in felony cases,'" was laid before the Senate and read third time.

Senator Bell offered the following amendment:

Amend by adding:

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas, That any witness who may have been recognized or attached and given bond for his appearance before any court out of the county of his residence to give testimony in a felony

case or before the grand jury of such county, and who shall appear in compliance with the obligations of such recognizance or bond, shall be allowed his actual traveling expenses not to exceed three cents per mile going to and returning from the court by the nearest practicable conveyance, and one dollar per day for each day he may be necessarily absent from home as a witness in such case or before such grand jury.

And amend caption to conform to this amendment.

Adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—22.

Bell,	Hall,	Peacock,
Calhoun,	Houston of Bexar,	Pfeuffer,
Evans,	Jerdone,	Pope,
Farrar,	Jones,	Randolph,
Fowler,	Kilgore,	Shannon,
Garrison,	Kleberg,	Terrell,
Getzendaner,	Knittel,	Woods.
Glasscock,		

NAYS—none.

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Davis, Harrison, Houston of Wheeler

Bill passed.

Senate bill No. 180, "An act to amend section 4 an act to redistrict the State into judicial districts and to fix the times for holding courts therein, and to provide for the election of judges and district attorneys in said districts at the next general election, to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1884," was laid before the Senate.

Read third time and passed.

Senate bill No. 182, "An act to amend articles 151 and 158 in chapter 2, title 6 of the Penal Code," was taken up.

Read third time and passed.

Senate bill No. 197, "An act to amend articles 1670 and 172, chapter 4, title 6 of the Penal Code" was taken up.

Read third time and passed.

Senate bill No. 146, "An act to amend article 7 of the Code of Criminal Procedure," was taken up.

Read third time and passed.

Committee substitute for Senate bill No. 65, "An act to amend article 690, chapter 90 of the Penal Code, as amended April 4, 1881," was taken up, and

Read third time and passed.

Senate bill No. 174, "An act to amend section 4 an act entitled 'an act to provide for an organization of a board to direct, supervise and control the work of making statements of amount of claims by the State of Texas against the United States for frontier protection,' etc., etc., was taken up, and

Read third time and passed.

House bill No. 278, "An act to create the Nolan land district," was taken up.

Read third time and passed.

Substitute House bill No. 27, "An act to authorize the transfer of occupation licenses," was taken up.

Read third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—14.

Bell,	Hall,	Kilgore,
Calhoun,	Houston of Bexar,	Knittel,
Farrar,	Houston of Wheeler,	Pope,
Fowler,	Jerdone,	Randolph,
Glasscock,	Jones,	

NAYS—10.

Davis,	Kleberg,	Shannon,
Evans,	Peacock,	Terrell,
Garrison,	Pfeuffer,	Woods.
Getzendaner,		

Senator Bell submitted the following privileged bill:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, February 25, 1885.

Wm. H. Gibbs, President of the Senate:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 235, being "An act to authorize several county commissioners' courts of the State of Texas to provide for more than four terms of the county court annually for the transaction of civil, criminal and probate business, and fix the times at which all the terms of said county courts shall be held," and find the same correctly engrossed.

BELL, Chairman.

The President gave notice of signing House bill No. 375, "An act to prescribe the time of holding district courts in the twenty-first judicial district so as to allow additional time for holding said district in Burleson county;" and

House joint resolution No. 20, requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to aid in establishing a national trail for the outlet of Texas.

On motion of Senator Harrison, substitute House bill No. 237, to be entitled "An act to alter the corporate limits of the city of Waco," taken up.

Senator Harrison moved to suspend the constitutional rule and place the bill on the second reading. Adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—24.

Glasscock,	Knittel,
Hall,	Peacock,
Harrison,	Pfeuffer,
Houston of Bexar,	Pope,
Jerdone,	Randolph,
Jones,	Shannon,
Kilgore,	Terrell,
Kleberg,	Woods.

NAYS—none.

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Houston of Wheeler.

Bill read second time and passed to third reading.

On motion of Senator Harrison the constitutional rule was suspended and the bill put on third reading by the following vote:

YEAS—23.

Glasscock,	Peacock,
Harrison,	Pfeuffer,
Houston of Wheeler,	Pope,
Jerdone,	Randolph,
Jones,	Shannon,
Kilgore,	Terrell,
Kleberg,	Woods.
Knittel,	

NAYS—none.

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Houston of Bexar.

Bill read third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—22.

Glasscock,	Peacock,
Hall,	Pfeuffer,
Harrison,	Pope,
Jerdone,	Randolph,
Jones,	Shannon,
Kilgore,	Terrell,
Kleberg,	Woods.

NAYS—none.

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Houston of Bexar, Houston of Wheeler, Knittel.

Senator Fowler moved to suspend the constitutional rule and take up House bill No. 250, to be entitled "An act to amend section 34 of an act entitled 'an act to redistrict the State into judicial districts and fix the times for holding court therein, and to provide for the election of judges and district attorneys in said districts at the next general election, to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1884,' approved April 9, 1883."

Adopted, and bill taken up.

On motion of Senator Fowler,

The rules were suspended and bill placed on its second reading by the following vote:

YEAS—24.

Bell,	Glasscock,	Knittel,
Calhoun,	Hall,	Peacock,
Davis,	Houston of Bexar,	Pfeuffer,
Evans,	Houston of Wheeler,	Pope,
Farrar,	Jerdone,	Randolph,
Fowler,	Jones,	Shannon,
Garrison,	Kilgore,	Terrell,
Getzendaner,	Kleberg,	Woods.

NAYS—none.

ABSENT NOT VOTING.

Harrison.

Bill read second time and passed to third reading.

Senator Fowler moved a suspension of the rules to put the bill on third reading.

Adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—25.

Bell,	Hall,	Knittel,
Calhoun,	Harrison,	Peacock,
Davis,	Houston of Bexar,	Pfeuffer,
Evans,	Houston of Wheeler,	Pope,
Farrar,	Jerdone,	Randolph,
Fowler,	Jones,	Shannon,
Garrison,	Kilgore,	Terrell,
Getzendaner,	Kleberg,	Woods.
Glasscock,		

NAYS—none.

The bill was read third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—23.

Bell,	Glasscock,	Knittel,
Calhoun,	Hall,	Pfeuffer,
Davis,	Houston of Bexar,	Pope,
Evans,	Houston of Wheeler,	Randolph,
Farrar,	Jerdone,	Shannon,
Fowler,	Jones,	Terrell,
Garrison,	Kilgore,	Woods.
Getzendaner,	Kleberg,	

NAYS—none.

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Harrison,

Peacock.

House bill No. 49, to be entitled "An act to repeal an act entitled 'an act to authorize counties to issue bonds for bridge purposes, and to levy a tax to pay the same; also to validate bonds heretofore issued for bridge purposes,' passed at the called session of the Eighteenth Legislature," was taken up on its second reading.

On motion of Senator Jones,

The bill was postponed and made special order for Wednesday next after morning call, and to continue from day to day until disposed of.

Senator Randolph moved to adjourn until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Lost.

House bill No. 136, "An act to amend chapter 79 of the acts of 1883, entitled 'an act to amend section 46 of an act to encourage stockraising and to protect stockraisers,' approved April 22, 1879, and amended April 4, 1881, and April 12, 1883," was taken up, and first and second committee amendments adopted.

Senator Woods offered the following amendment:

Amend by adding Lavaca to the list of exempted counties.

Adopted.

Senator Houston of Wheeler offered the following amendment:

Amend by adding the county of Young to the list of exempted counties.

Adopted.

Bill passed to third reading.

On motion of Senator Kleberg,

The rules were suspended and bill placed on third reading by the following vote:

YEAS—24.

Bell,	Glasscock,	Knittel,
Calhoun,	Hall,	Peacock,
Davis,	Houston of Bexar,	Pfeuffer,
Evans,	Houston of Wheeler,	Pope,
Farrar,	Jerdone,	Randolph,
Fowler,	Jones,	Shannon,
Garrison,	Kilgore,	Terrell,
Getzendaner,	Kleberg,	Woods.

NAYS—none.

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Harrison.

Bill read third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—24.

Bell,	Hall,	Knittel,
Calhoun,	Harrison,	Peacock,
Davis,	Houston of Bexar,	Pfeuffer,
Evans,	Houston of Wheeler,	Pope,
Farrar,	Jerdone,	Randolph,
Fowler,	Jones,	Shannon,
Getzendaner,	Kilgore,	Terrell,
Glasscock,	Kleberg,	Woods.

NAYS—none.

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Garrison.

On motion of Senator Pope,

The Senate adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THIRTY-EIGHTH DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER,
AUSTIN, February 26, 1885. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Gibbs in the chair.

Roll called.

Quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Dr. Smoot.

On motion of Senator Terrell,

The reading of the journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By Senator Getzendaner:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, February 25, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 202, entitled "An act to be entitled a special act for the relief of and better administration of and employment of the lands and properties dedicated to the use of the State Agricultural and Mechanical College in the county of Brazos, by abolishing and discontinuing certain public roads established, lain off and running through the lands of said college," have had the same under consideration and instruct me to report it back with the recommendation that it be considered in the committee of the whole.

And that 100 copies be printed for the use of the Senate.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GETZENDANER, for Committee.

Bill read first time.

By Senator Harrison:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, February 25, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Counties and County Boundaries, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 210, entitled "An act to amend section 8 of 'an act establishing and prescribing the manner of ascertaining the boundaries of counties,'" have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back with the recommendation that it do pass, and we would suggest that it be considered in conjunction with Senate bill No. 152, which is upon the same subject.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HARRISON, Chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, February 25, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Counties and County Boundaries, to whom was referred House bill No. 103, entitled "An act to create the county of Val Verde and to provide for its organization," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back with the recommendation that it be considered in a committee of the whole Senate.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HARRISON, Chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, February 25, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Counties and County Boundaries, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 116, entitled "An act to create and organize the county of Val Verde," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back with the recommendation that it lie on the table, as another bill upon the same subject has been reported.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HARRISON, Chairman.

Bill read first time.

By Senator Shannon:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, February 25, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 245, entitled "An act to define the duties of telegraph companies in the transmission of messages, and to provide adequate penalties for the enforcement thereof," and also Senate bill No. 117, entitled "An act to regulate telegraph companies within the State," have had the same under consideration, and unanimously instruct me to report Senate bill No. 245 favorable, and that Senate bill No. 117 be reported back to the Senate, to be considered in connection with Senate bill No. 245.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SHANNON, Chairman.